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Approves Appropriation to Strike Dollars

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee approved an appropriation to strike 45 million silver dollars in the fiscal year starting July 1.

Exclusive U.S. Distributor of Davenport Books

Prof. John S. Davenport has sold publication rights to his standard works on crowns to Spink & Son, London, England.

That English firm is in process of publishing revised editions. They will retail at \$12.50 per volume.

The first volume, "European Crowns Since 1800 and German Talers Since 1800," is due for release this month. "European Crowns 1700-1800" in December and "German Talers 1700-1800" in May of next year.

Exclusive distribution rights in the United States has been granted to Bebee's, 4514 N. 30th St., Omaha, Nebr. Dealers may obtain the new editions as published from the Omaha concern.

Attitude One Century Ago Towards Copies of Coins

When struck copies of Washington Cents, Washington Half Dollars, and Sommer Island Shillings were distributed 105 years ago, the attitude toward them was not too different than the attitude of many today. The following item was recently called to my attention by Aaron R. Feldman:

Philadelphia, October 1859.

Coin Collectors to the Rescue!

The Carolina Elephant in the Field!!

Whereas, certain parties in the City of Brotherly Love have combined together to furnish the inhabitants of Philadelphia with Counterfeit Washington Cents, and ½ Dollars, (the Lord Baltimore Coinage)

also the Sommer Island Shilling, or Hog Cent:

We, the Coin Collectors of Philadelphia, seeing the impropriety of the above, have agreed not to purchase any of the above-mentioned pieces, or any that may be made as Copies of Rare Coins or Medals, from this date.

There have been several attempts made to re-strike rare coins within the last year or two, and it is high time that a stop should be put to it.

On some of the above pieces the word COPY has been made, but in so slight a manner as to be easily erased, and then you cannot tell them from the genuine.

We would especially call attention of the curious Public to the Sommer Island, or Hog Cent, without the word COPY, (but instead, the word Root or Die.)

We say, Die—Die—Die.

Probably VIATOR, alias George H. Hickorynuts, has something to do with the re-striking of these Pieces.

We remain your most

humble servants,

TIMOTHY ANTIQUARY,

JULIUS CÆSAR,

Dr. TIMBERCRACKS, M.D., L.L.D.
(L.L.D. means Long Legged Devil.)

While the humor may not be up to date, the thinking with respect to reproductions of rare coins certainly is. This item was considered important enough for E. J. Attinelli to include it in his book entitled "Numisgraphics" in 1876.

—Eric P. Newman

Joel Daitch Pleads Guilty

Joel Daitch, Chicago, pleaded guilty in Chicago Federal court to a coin mail fraud charge. He took off for South America last fall with over \$50,000 of coin collectors money. Partial restitution has been promised.